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ALEXANDRIA FOR SECRETARY

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, LE, SY, IS
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN LEBANON: LESS THAN REASSURING MESSAGES

1. PRESIDENT SARKIS AND OTHER LEBANESE OFFICIALS HAVE
ALREADY HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT AUGUST 6, 10, 15 ETC. BEING
DECISIVE ENCOUNTER DAYS. I SEE NO PURPOSE IN TELLING HIM
TO BEWARE THE 8TH AND 10TH OR ANY OTHER DATE. HE HAD NO
CONTROL OVER SITUATION.

2. WE ARE DIVIDED IN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE SYRIANS
REALLY INTEND TO SMASH THE PHALANGE AUGUST 10, OR WHETHER
THE ISRAELIS ARE TO SMASH THE SYRIANS ON AUGUST 15. I RECOMMEND
TO ALL THE ADDRESSEES THE GUY SITBON ARTICLE IN THE NOUVEL
OBSERVATEUR OF JULY 28, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT EVERYBODY
HERE IS CRAZY. BEGIN WOULD DO WELL TO READ IT TOO.

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